GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of concrete steps taken by the Government to effectively implement the provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA);

(b) the details of State Governments which have formulated laws and rules to successfully implement the PESA; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the States comply with PESA meticulously?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c) :The Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) extends Part IX of the Constitution with certain modifications and exceptions, to the Fifth Schedule Areas (FSA) of ten States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana.

The States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Telangana have framed Rules for implementation of provisions of PESA Act.

The Government has taken various initiatives for effective implementation of the PESA Act including issuing guidelines for implementation of PESA, sharing of Draft Model Rules for PESA, supporting States in activating Gram Sabhas under the erstwhile flagship programme of the Government- Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan, building capacities of elected representatives and functionaries by strengthening training infrastructure in States, organizing workshops and issue of Handbooks on village level governance.

Most of the State Governments have amended their Panchayati Raj Acts in compliance with PESA provisions. Compliance status of State Panchayati Raj Acts and other subject laws with the provisions of PESA Act by the ten States having notified Fifth Schedule Areas is at Annexe-IA and IB.
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